

**CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE ON SELF REPRESENTED LITIGANTS  
PANEL: REACHING OUT – PROVIDING SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY**

May 17, 2007 1:30 – 3:00 PM

Gayle Webb, Riverside County Law Librarian

**Riverside County** Self Represented Litigant Task Force Priority – Making information easily accessible by & to the public through **PUBLIC LEGAL INFORMATION FORUMS**.

PURPOSE: Help improve understanding of the legal system, roles of attorneys and the courts in providing access to justice; educate about rights and obligations in various areas of the law; publicize the Court's Self-Help Centers, legal assistance coordinators and providers; increase awareness of the County Law Library.

COLLABORATION:

Superior Court – providing a judge (generally from the Self Represented Litigants Task Force) to welcome participants, answer questions about the Court and its assistance services;

Law Library – providing space for the Forums in the Library after closing (7:00 PM), displaying resources on the topics, preparing handouts and publicity, gathering statistics and survey information from attendees

Bar Association – providing specialists in particular areas of law and materials regarding their low cost assistance programs for the public, contributing funds to the Law Library for advertising costs and/or refreshments.

Charter Communications – videotape a second, private presentation in the Courthouse for viewing on public television

ADVERTISING: A display ad and article in local newspapers precede every Forum; other advertising includes Court and Library website announcements and flyers placed in community centers, government offices and other libraries

FORUMS held bimonthly; 1 and a half hour program includes Q & A period; program topics determined on basis of community surveys; attendance has varied from 12 to 40 depending on the topic; survey response has been overwhelmingly positive, increasing goodwill, knowledge of local resources and better prepared litigants. This project won the **Best Public Relations Program of 2007** from the American Association of Law Libraries.

List of Forums for 2006 and 2007 are attached.



## **LEGAL EDUCATION FORUMS**

*FREE TO THE PUBLIC*

A joint project of the Superior Court of Riverside,  
the Riverside County Law Library, and the Riverside Bar Association.

Location:

Riverside County Law Library  
3989 Lemon Street  
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

May 9, 2006

### **The ABC's of an Eviction Trial**

*Darrell Moore, Inland Co. Legal Services*  
*Paul Goodwin, Kimball, Tirey, St. John*

July 11, 2006

### **The ABC's of Small Claims Court**

*Albert Johnson, Superior Court Small  
Claims Advisor*

Sept. 12, 2006

### **The ABC's of Elder Abuse**

*Barbara Seifritz, Robert Roddick*  
*Inland Counties Legal Services*

Nov. 14, 2006

### **The ABC's of Probate**

*David B. Bowker*  
*Swarner & Fitzgerald*

January 16, 2007

### **The ABC's of Legal Research**

*Bret Christensen*  
*Law Library Public Services Librarian*

March 13, 2007

### **Family Law I:**

### **The ABC's of Getting a Divorce in Riverside**

*Luis Lopez*  
*Inland Empire Latino Lawyers Association*

May 15, 2007

### **The ABC's of Individual Bankruptcy**

*Mark C. Schnitzer*  
*Reid & Hellyer*

July 17, 2007

### **Family Law 2:**

### **The ABC's of Disclosure & Motions to Modify**

*Larry Malone*  
*Superior Court Family Law Facilitator*

Sept. 11, 2007

### **The ABC's of Estate Planning**

*Scott M. Grossman*  
*Grossman Law Practice, APC*

Nov. 13, 2007

### **The ABC's of Criminal Record Expungement**

*Steven L. Harmon.*  
*Harmon & Harmon*

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY LAW LIBRARY  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**

**PUBLIC EDUCATION FORUM EVALUATION**

**Your opinion is important to us.**

**Please take a minute to complete this evaluation so we can better serve our community's legal education needs. Your responses will help us to plan future seminars.**

1. What was the topic of the seminar you attended? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Did it meet your expectations?    Very much \_\_\_\_\_    Somewhat \_\_\_\_\_    Not at all \_\_\_\_\_
3. Did you learn any valuable information?    Yes \_\_\_\_\_    No \_\_\_\_\_
4. Please evaluate/rate the presenter(s):    Excellent \_\_\_\_\_    Good \_\_\_\_\_    Fair \_\_\_\_\_    Poor \_\_\_\_\_
5. Have you used the Riverside County Law Library before?    Yes \_\_\_\_\_    No \_\_\_\_\_  
    If not, would you use the Law Library in the future?    Yes \_\_\_\_\_    No \_\_\_\_\_
6. Did the seminar give you a better understanding of the law?    Yes \_\_\_\_\_    No \_\_\_\_\_
7. Did you gain a better understanding of how the courts work?    Yes \_\_\_\_\_    No \_\_\_\_\_
8. What other topics would you like to have covered in future seminars? \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. How can we improve our seminars? \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR COMMENTS**